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SUBJ: FAA INAS ASSISTANCE PLANNING

1. MEETING WAS HELD WITH CAO ADMINISTRATOR ARBABI ON FEB. 7 TO DISCUSS THEIR POSITION RELATIVE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF FAA RECOMMENDED INAS PROGRAM. ARAABI ADVISED THAT DUE TO BUDGETARY AND FASCAL LIMITATIONS, FUNDS FOR THE INAS PROGRAM WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THEIR COMING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET WHICH BEGINS MARCH 23. HOWEVER, HE IS STILL CONVINCED THAT THE FAA RECOMMENDED SYSTEM IS THE CORRECT COURSE FOR CAO TO FOLLOW IN MODERNIZING THEIR ATC SYSTEM. HE IS ALSO OPTIMISTIC THAT PROGRAM APPROVAL WILL ULTIMATELY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SHAH. WE ADVISED HIM THAT FAA IS STILL SINCERE IN ITS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS DESCRIBED IN THE REPORT SHOULD THEY PROCEED.

2. ARBABI STATED THAT HE HAS INCLUDED FUNDS IN THE BUDGET WHICH HE PLANS TO USE TO OBTAIN FAA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PURSUE THE GOALS OF INAS. FUNDING WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH AN IN-COUNTRY CAAG OF FROM SIX TO TEN FAA SPECIALISTS. WE FEEL THIS IS AN IMPORTANT AND LOGICAL STEP AT THIS TIME TO KEEP INAS PROGRAM ON TRACK.

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3. HE ANTICIPATES INITIATING OFFICIAL REQUEST TO FAA FOR THIS ASSISTANCE O/A APRIL 1. TYPES OF PERSONNEL REQUIRED WILL BE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED DURING MOA NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED UNDER INTERIM CAAG ARRANGEMENTS.

4. FUNCTION OF THE INITIAL GROUP WOULD BE TO SERVE AS ADVISORS TO CAO ONGOING PROGRAMS AND PREPARE DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR PHASED APPROACH INTO INAS. EMPHASIS TO BE PLACED ON COMPLETION OF THE TEHRAN CENTER AND CIFRR, ESFAHAN CIFRR AND SHIRAZ IFRR AND TRAINING.

5. ARBABI HOPES FOR FUNDING FOR INAS WHEN APPROVED THROUGH EXIM, WORLD BANK OR OTHER SIMILAR LENDING INSTITUTIONS. CAO CURRENTLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING AND LOCATING LOAN SOURCES.

6. ARBABI AWARE THAT DELAY IN PROGRAM START WILL PROBABLY MEAN ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR HARDWARE AND SERVICES. COST DATA WILL NEED TO BE VALIDATED BY FAA GROUP AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

7. WE ADVISED THAT PROCESSING TIME REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AFTER MOA TO HAVE RESIDENT SPECIALISTS IN COUNTRY. BASED ON ABOVE, FIRST FAA PERSONNEL WOULD ARRIVE TEHRAN IN EARLY FALL.

8. NEW SUBJECTS:

(A) LETTER MOA FOR CERTIFICATION OF HOMEBUILT AIRCRAFT WILL BE FORWARDED TO AIA-I THIS WEEK. COORDINATION NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED WITH AEU.

(B) FUNDING PROBLEMS WILL CAUSE TWO-YEAR DELAY IN NEW TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT.

(C) PERSONS ATTENDING MEETING, CAO ARBABI, IZADPANAH, EMBASSY TEHRAN WARNELL, FAA FINK, KAYSER. OTHER MEETINGS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY FASG CHIEF AND FINK PLANS TO DEPART TEHRAN AS SCHEDULED.

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